

# **ROLE OF THE ARMY CHAPLAIN**



**“For God and Country”**

# **THE MISSION**

**“GIVEN THE COMMANDER’S  
GUIDELINES, THE CHAPLAIN  
PROVIDES FOR THE RELIGIOUS  
SUPPORT NEEDS AND FACILITATES  
THE FREE EXERCISE OF THE  
RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF ALL SOLDIERS.”**

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# **CHAPLAIN CORPS REQUIREMENTS**

- **EDUCATION**

**POST GRADUATE TRAINING FROM A  
RECOGNIZED/  
ACCREDITED SCHOOL**

- **DENOMINATIONAL ENDORSEMENT**

**FULL MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM  
CHURCH/DENOMINATION OR ENDORSING AGENCY**

- **PERSONAL QUALITIES**

**DEMONSTRATED  
INTELLECTUAL/MORAL/SPIRITUAL CHARACTER**

- **SPECIAL MILITARY TRAINING**

# **THE RELIGIOUS SUPPORT MISSION**

- **NURTURE THE LIVING**
- **CARE FOR THE WOUNDED**
- **HONOR THE DEAD**

# **UNIT MINISTRY TEAM (UMT)**

## **■ CHAPLAIN (MOS 56A)**

**ORDAINED CLERGY**

**RELIGIOUS SUPPORT**

**“NON-COMBATANT”**

## **■ CHAPLAIN ASSISTANT (MOS 71M)**

**ENLISTED SOLDIER**

**RELIGIOUS SUPPORT**

**OPER/LOG SUPPORT FOR UMT**

**SECURITY FOR UMT**

**“COMBATANT”**



**A Blessing for Soldiers.**

# ROLES OF THE CHAPLAIN

- **RELIGIOUS LEADER**

- **STAFF OFFICER**



Communion in the field.

# **CHAPLAIN PROVIDES RELIGIOUS SUPPORT**

- **RELIGIOUS RITES AND SERVICES**
- **PASTORAL CARE**
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Memorial service after the battle.

# **CHAPLAINS AND LEADERS**

- **RELIGIOUS ISSUES**

- RELIGIOUS BELIEF AND PRACTICE**

- EMERGING RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

- RELIGIOUS GROUP RELATIONSHIPS**

- **MORAL/ETHICAL ISSUES**

- QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP ACTIONS**

- ILLEGAL ACTS OF LAW OF WARFARE**

- CHAIN OF COMMAND EFFECTIVENESS**

- **SOCIAL ISSUES**

- SOLDIER WELFARE AND MORALE**

- FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**



# **CHAPLAIN STAFF FUNCTION AND DUTIES**

- **COMMANDER'S RELIGIOUS SUPPORT PLAN**
- **ADVISE COMMANDER/STAFF**
- **DEVELOP/IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR DRS/GRS INCLUDING DISTINCTIVE FAITH GROUPS**
- **ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND MORAL LEADERSHIP**
- **FACILITATE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGIOUS RIGHTS, BELIEF, AND PRACTICE**
- **PLAN/CONDUCT/SUPERVISE UMT TRAINING**
- **RELIGIOUS FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

# **DEPLOYMENTS**

- **Chaplains prepare appendix to the Personnel Annex to OPLAN/OPORD.**
- **Division Chaplain coordinates with subordinate level chaplains to insure unit, area, and denominational coverage**
- **Religious coverage plan is submitted for inclusion in Division OPLAN/OPORD**